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ENCLAVE CHARACTERIZATION AND RELATIONSHIPS WITH HOST ANDESITE IN MORNE MICOTRIN, DOMINICA, LESSER ANTILLES

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Morne Micotrin lava dome is located at the head of the Roseau Valley in Dominica, Lesser Antilles, and has an explosive past; the valley was filled with ~3 km³ of pyroclastic deposits from 65-25 ka. The andesitic dome (59-62 wt% SiO₂) contains two distinct types of enclaves, coarse-grained and fine-grained, which differ texturally and compositionally from one another as well as the host. Enclaves provide evidence of magma mingling/mixing processes at depth, which may be introducing volatiles into the magma chamber and triggering eruptions. Fine-grained enclaves (52-54 wt% SiO₂) are 1-15 cm in diameter, and saturated in plagioclase, opx, cpx, and two oxides. Fine-grained enclaves are cumulate-like, and lack microlites and matrix glass. Coarse-grained enclaves (55-56 wt% SiO₂) are larger, 3-20 cm, lack cpx phenocrysts, and contain plagioclase microlites. Coarse-grained enclaves are vesicular, a characteristic not observed in the host or fine-grained enclaves, and the margins are diffuse compared to the sharp fine-grained enclave margins. Coarse-grained enclave oxides are highly exsolved, and two oxides yielded temperatures of 890± 91° and 774± 168°, whereas fine-grained enclave oxides yielded temperatures of 891± 74° and 794± 60°. Both enclave types yielded higher fO₂ values than the host (average host yield fO₂ values of 0.30± 0.15, coarse-grained enclaves yield fO₂ values of 1.00± 0.23 and 1.49± 1.22, fine-grained enclaves yield fO₂ values of 0.42± 0.23 and 0.60± 0.21, all relative to DNNO). Mineral zoning in the enclaves is more complex than in the host. Plagioclase is normally and reversely zoned and ranges from An₄₀ to An₉₀ in the host and enclaves. Many enclave plagioclase exhibit potassic rims, up to Or20. Opx in all samples display mostly reverse zoning (En50-70). Enclave opx are characterized by cpx overgrowth. Cpx compositions are more varied within the enclaves, with up to 20 mol% Wo variation. Whole-rock REE concentrations compared to chondrite reveal that fine-grained enclave compositional trends are not parallel to the trends of the host and coarse-grained enclaves. This suggests a unique source compared to the host and coarse-grained enclaves. Understanding enclave characteristics may give insight into changes occurring in the magmatic system, and how the interaction of magmas may cause eruptions.

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